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LIGHTNING FLASHES.
Peculiar Effects Where Instant Death
Follows Their Strokes.

A peculiar feature about lightning,
when it strikes to kill, is the incredibly
short time in which the body decom-
poses. In many notable instances
where persons were killed by light-
ning the funeral has been conducted
with all the haste possible, owing to
the rapid disorganization of the body.
Whether it be animal or human, the
same effect is always noticeable. In
most cases on record where persons
have been struck by lightning and
instantly killed their features show
no visible pain, and death is so instan-
taneous that there is not the slightest
change in the muscles, and in many
cases the blood is entirely deoxygenated
and becomes an adhesive black liquid,
which in a few seconds has taken on a
putrid odor.

In one case some reapers were eat-
ing their dinner under an oak tree
during a thunderstorm, and all were
struck by lightning, the explosion of
which was heard far away.

When later some people passed the
tree the reapers were in the act of
eating dinner to all appearances. One
held a glass in his hand, another was
putting a piece of bread in his mouth,
while a third had his hand in a dish.
Death had come upon them when the
thunderbolt fell while they were in
these positions. One might have tak-
en them for statues carved out of
black marble, for their bodies were
perfectly black.

Another case was where a man had
taken refuge under a tree and was
eating a lunch. He had a small dog
in his lap and was caressing him with
one hand while he offered him a piece
of bread with the other. Both the
man and dog were petrified while in
this position, and the paralyzed hand
still held the piece of bread, while the
expression on the animal's face
seemed to say, "Give me some more,
please give me some more."

In one case where a woman was
struck by lightning the bones and all
were melted in a gelatinous mass, and
her frame had so fluidified that they
were unable to discern the outlines of
her limbs.

Several instances have occurred where
persons struck by lightning have, upon
being touched, immediately fallen to
clinders, the whole interior of the body
being burned out so that only the skin
remained.

In many other cases the decompos-
ing gases so extend the abdomen as

to cause the body to explode within a
very few minutes after life has passed
out, and the body resembles that of a
person dead for weeks.

It is indeed terrifying to see a person
cease moving who just a second before
was in the full enjoyment of life, and
what is a still greater mystery is to
see them stand in apparent life and
action, but to find them to be a petri-
fied, inert piece of decomposing mat-
ter.

There is one peculiar case, where a
man was driving along a country road
during a thunderstorm. He saw a
woman start to cross the road a little
ahead of the horse. The woman walk-
ed to the middle of the road and stop-
ped. In vain the driver called to her
to get out of the way, and at last, be-
coming angry, he gave her a cut with
the whip as he passed, when to his
astonishment she fell to the ground in
a char of clinders.

She had been struck by lightning and
her entire body consumed, while her
clothing remained intact.—Denver Post.

Now and in the Middle Ages.

Most of us probably rejoice that we
did not live in the fifth or the tenth or
even in the seventeenth century of the
Christian era. When we think of
those times we see their dark side and
we feel how much we should miss in
which we now take pleasure. But can
we be sure that the individual man
in those past centuries had on the av-
erage a worse time than the average
man has now? He was in many
points less sensitive to suffering than
we are, and he may have enjoyed
some things more intensely. The lit-
erature of the seven centuries that
preceded our own is in many ways
quite as buoyant in spirit as is ours.
It is often thought that the fear of
torment in a future life must have
brooded like a dark cloud over the
minds of past generations, and that
the tendency of opinion which has at-
tenuated this fear represents a great
brightening in the sky.

Lucretius held that the greatest serv-
ice ever rendered to mankind was that
rendered by Epicurus when he dis-
sipated those mists of ancient super-
stition which had produced human sac-
rifice. Other mists settled down not
so long after the days of Lucretius,
and in direct violation of the teaching
it professed to respect superstition
caused far more bloodshed and suffer-
ing after his time than it had ever
caused before. Persecution has now
vanished and with it the terrors to
which superstition appealed.—Hon.
James Bryce in Atlantic.

Heavyweight Kitchen Folks.
"It will do you more good to smell
food that is being cooked than it will
to eat it after it is cooked," was the
astounding statement made by a local
restaurant man. "That is the reason
why so many professional cooks are
heavyweights. You never saw any one
who became a chef and stayed at it
any length of time but became
fleshy. Cooks never eat to any great
extent, except to taste the food at
times while it is being cooked in order
to see if it is done. It is the odor of
the food in the kettles that makes
them fat. The same will apply in the
case of the housewife. Continuous
work in the kitchen makes fleshy
women and healthy women. Cooking
is the healthiest occupation in the
world."—Indianapolis Star.

ABSENCE OF MIND.
A Funny Story About Ampere, the Fa-
mous Mathematician.

You all know the old joke of the pro-
fessor who, pondering over the saying
that in a railway accident absence of
body was a good deal better than ab-
sence of mind, went to the nearest
railway station and tried to take a
ticket "for the nearest railway ac-
cident," so as to have the matter proved
to his own satisfaction. You doubt-
less know the story, too, of the pro-
fessor of mathematics whose new par-
lor maid told him when he rang at his
own door that Professor Jones was
out. "I'll call again, I'll call again," he
said and went away.

But these are stories merely. Here,
however, are some incidents from real
life: Ampere was remarkably absent-
minded. Hundreds of stories of his
absentmindedness are told, but quite
the funniest is that of his dinner at
the house of M. Fontane, the grand mas-
ter of the University of Paris. For a
joke somebody had told Ampere that
he must go to the dinner in his acade-
mician's uniform of green and gold
and girth with his sword. When he got
to the house he was very much an-
noyed to find everybody else in ordi-
nary evening dress. "I will get rid of
the sword at all events," he said to
himself and slipped it behind the cush-
ions of a sofa. After dinner Ampere
forgot himself, as usual, and became
lost in abstract calculation. He took a
little piece of chalk out of his pocket
and began working out problems on
the black satin cover of the mantel-
piece. He became so absorbed in what
he was doing that all the guests left
without his noticing them, and when
he wrote down Q. E. D. no one was

left in the room except Mme. Fon-
tane, and she unfortunately sat fast
asleep on the sofa where Ampere's
sword lay hidden.

Ampere went down upon his knees
and pulled gently at the sword, so as
to get it away without waking the
lady. He pulled and pulled, and pres-
ently the sword came out—without the
scabbard. At this moment Mme. Fon-
tane awoke and alarmed the house
with her screams of terror at seeing a
man on his knees before her with a
drawn sword in his hand.

But mathematical professors have
not the monopoly of absentminded-
ness. La Fontaine, whose fables are
the delight of adult Frenchmen and
their children's earliest task, went to
the court of Louis XVI. to present a
copy of his fables to the king. And he
forgot the book. Fortunately, the king
knew La Fontaine, his fables and his
fables and gave him a thousand pis-
toles (about \$250). Unfortunately,
though, La Fontaine left the money in
his hired carriage on his way back to
Paris.

But the prettiest piece of absent-
mindedness of which I have ever heard
was that of Professor Pozzi, who asked
a lady who was bewailing the fact
that she had no children whether she
thought the falling was hereditary.
This is even more amusing than the
delightful answer made by the engi-
neer of the Seine tunnel, M. Berlier,
a servant who told him when he went
to call upon his lawyer that that gen-
tleman had died that morning. "Oh,"
said M. Berlier, "dear, dear, I'm so
sorry." But tell him I won't keep him a
minute.—St. James' Gazette.

Oil Wells at Sea.

The whale is by no means the only
source of marine oil. Though little
known to fame, the humble menhaden
yields oil and fertilizer worth \$1,000,-
000 a year, giving employment to 1,800
fishermen and 1,600 employees of fifty
factories. The people who are so
profitably engaged in slaughtering
700,000,000 of these fishes every year
naturally claim that they were created
providentially for the express purpose,
since they are not fit for food, and yet
the supply seems inexhaustible. No
one knows whence they come or whither
they go. All we know is that every
spring vast schools of them appear in
the gulf of Mexico, heading north in
closely packed masses, near the surface,
utterly incapable of either defense or
escape. All that is needed is simply
to scoop them up with big seines.—
Brooklyn Eagle.

Peanut Meal Bread.

Peanut meal has been for a long
time a staple article in the dietary
of the poor classes in Spain. Bread
made from pure peanut meal is light
and porous, but it is said to be un-
palatable because of a persistent, pop-
pylike taste. Rye bread containing 25
per cent of peanut meal cannot be dis-
tinguished from ordinary rye bread,
while far more nutritious. Skim milk
cheese is the only ordinary article of
diet comparable to peanut meal in its
percentage of nitrogenous matter.

Heavy Soles For Walkers.

"People who have to do considerable
walking on the streets during the sum-
mer time make a mistake by getting
light shoes with thin soles," remarked
a well known shoemaker the other
day. "The thin soles do not protect
the feet against the intense heat of
the cement walks and the pavements,
and as a result the wearer suffers
much. Take it in the European coun-
tries, the people wear thick soled shoes
the year around. Between the two
strips of leather is a strip of cork,
making the shoe lighter, but furnish-
ing protection against wet or hot
walks. Americans appear to have the
wrong idea—that is, they think that
thin, light shoes are the coolest. This
is true if they keep off the sidewalks
or streets where the sun has heated
the surface, but you will find it is
not true if you have to travel around
a city much during the heated portion
of the day."—Des Moines Register and
Leader.

The Man Who Did.

"Woman must work for her own ad-
vancement," said a woman reformer in
a recent address, "but she must not
selfishly neglect her other duties for
this work."

"Is there a man present," a female
lecturer once shrieked, "who has ever
helped in the slightest degree to lighten
his wife's burden? Is there a man
here that has ever got up at 5 o'clock,
leaving his tired wife to sleep on undis-
turbed, and, dressing, quietly gone
downstairs, raked up the fire, cooked
breakfast, washed and dressed the chil-
dren, scoured the pots and pans, swept
the kitchen, scraped the dishes and
done all this if necessary day after day
without complaint? The lecturer look-
ed her audience over with disdain. "If
there is such a man here," she said, "let
him rise. Let the man rise, that all
may see and praise him."

"Then a mild little man in a back
seat rose timidly. He was the lec-
turer's husband."—Kansas City Jour-
nal.

THE UNDERTAKER'S BILL.

All the neighbor folks who knew her,
Poor, unlucky, little mite,
Came from far and near to view her
In her little shroud so white.
The remarks of some were bitter,
Though it certainly was plain,
When the flying motor hit her
There was not the slightest pain,
And, of course, no needless torture.
'Twas a sad occurrence; still,
Didn't Mr. Richley Skorchner
Pay the undertaker's bill?

Once again the people flocking
To a house of mourning, find
More disaster, sad and shocking,
That a motor leaves behind.
Just a bruised and battered creature,
Stark and lifeless there—but then,
There was one consoling feature,
He was three-score years and ten.
When a man's that old and feeble
It is merciful to kill.
And, moreover, Mr. Skorchner
Pays the undertaker's bill.

Bells are tolling in the steeple!
There's another victim dead.
Ah! the sore afflicted people!
Can they not be comforted
As they mark the solemn tolling
And the rumbling of the bells?

Is there not some thought consoling
That their monody compels?
Sure! they know that motor's busted,
(Shattered parts are soaring still),
And the heirs of Richley Skorchner
Pay the undertaker's bill.
—T. A. Daly in Catholic Standard and
Times.

WASHINGTON LETTER.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

Washington D. C., Nov. 21, 1907.—
Between now and the time Con-
gress assembles there will be
little doing for the President but
work on his message. It was
thought that this was finished
while he was at Oyster Bay this
summer. As a matter of fact there
was a message written then. But
so many things have happened
since that time that the message has
had to be largely recast and there
will be work on it to keep the
President pretty busy till the first
of December.

Chief of the matters in the mes-
sage that have had to be recast is
the section relating to currency
legislation. This was touched on
in the original message but in a
much more general and less insistent
way. Since the money flurry in
Wall Street which has spread till it
has affected the whole country, the
President has talked with all his
visitors who ought to be able to
throw light on the situation, and it
is understood that he will make
some concrete suggestions as to
legislation and urge on Congress
the need of speedy action.

It is said also that there will be
some forceful suggestions as to anti-
trust legislation. Any attempt to
forecast this would be absolute
guess work. It is said in some
quarters that the President is go-
ing to recommend the repeal of the
Sherman Law and the enactment of
new and more drastic legislation.
On the other hand it is said with
equal assurance that he intends to
recommend the elimination of the
more drastic features of the Sher-
man Law in favor of gentler legis-
lation. There is no question that
the Sherman Law has proved a very
effective weapon in the hands of the
Department of Justice and there
have been a number of convictions
secured under it. But how far it
may be deemed advisable to recast
it is a question that the message
alone can answer.

The question of federal charters
will almost certainly be touched on
in the message and it is believed
that there will be plans outlined for
the passage of a comprehensive
federal charter law under which
corporations may be controlled and
supervised by the federal govern-
ment in the interests of honesty and
business morality and at the same
time will be freed from much of the
harrassing and conflicting state
legislation that some of them now
suffer.

The latest report as to the plans
of the battleship squadron almost
on the eve of starting for the Pacific
is that it is in receipt of an invita-
tion to visit Japan and that the
government is seriously consider-

ing accepting. There is no official
confirmation of this report so far.
Ambassador Aoki will not confirm
or deny it and the Navy Depart-
ment and the State Department are
equally uncommunicative. It would
be rather an expensive addition to
the program for the cruise and
would have to be sanctioned by
Congress to the extent of having
the money appropriated. It is be-
lieved that such a move would be in
line with the President's policy of
of peace and international cordi-
ality. Such a visit would be official
notice to the world of the good un-
derstanding between this govern-
ment and that of Japan. Also it
would show the rank and file of the
Japanese people what perhaps they
are slow to understand, namely the
real naval power of the United
States. In this much it would help
the Japanese government which
has had much work to curb the
jingo spirit of the radical element
in the misunderstanding that have
sprung up between the Island
Kingdom and the Pacific Coast.

There has been considerable com-
ment aroused by the fact that Ad-
miral Dewey is not expected to go
to Hampton Roads to see the battle-
ships start on their voyage to the
Pacific. This has been magnified
into a personal disagreement be-
tween him and the President. There
is nothing of this sort existing. Ad-
miral Dewey is going to efface him-
self from the farewell to the fleet so
that the President may have the
sole honor of the send off. On the
other hand he is expected now to go
to San Francisco and welcome the
vessels on their arrival on the
Pacific coast.

Considerable talk has been
aroused over the third term boom-
ing that has been done by many of
the federal officeholders in the South.
This talk has been very unpleasant
to the President. There are two
explanations of it. One is that the
President is definitely against a
third nomination and does not want
the subject stirred up at all, and the
other and less complimentary is
that he sees the political unwisdom
of having southern officeholders
shouting in this vein and making it
appear, if he is nominated, that it
was engineered through the influ-
ence of federal patronage. Which-
ever way it is, the word has gone
out from the White House for the
shouters to moderate their trans-
ports. They are at perfect liberty
to attend state conventions and
primaries as is expected of any
earnest citizen, but anything further
will be regarded as pernicious polit-
ical activity and punished accord-
ingly.

The Appropriations Committee of
the House, headed by Chairman
Tawney, has returned from its visit
to the Canal Zone, ready to legislate,
so they say, much more understand-
ingly as to canal needs. They went
Poultney Bigelow a little better,
staying in the Zone three days.
During this time they looked over
all the arrangements, clerical, en-
gineering, sanitary, and otherwise,
and Mr. Tawney declares he now
has a full understanding of the situation.
He remarked incidentally that they
expect to cut down the canal esti-
mates about \$1,000,000. But then
action of this sort is to be expected
from the Appropriating Committee
unless it happened to be voting on
its members.

The Root resignation rumor is go-
ing around again. It is said that
the Secretary of State is going to
resign soon after the first of the
year on account of ill health. It is
unfortunately true that his health is
not good, and there is no doubt that
personally he would rather be out
of the Cabinet than in it. Rumor
has picked Robert Bacon, the first
assistant Secretary of State, as his
successor. The former partner of
J. P. Morgan is rich, handsome and
accomplished, and is well able to at-
tend to the social end of the State
Department functions. But it is
doubtful whether he has the weight
to carry on the official business of
the Department unaided.

THE INDEPENDENT

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Thursday, Nov. 28, '07.

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Evansburg M. E. Church, Rev. S. B. Garrett pastor. Sabbath School, 9.30 a. m. Preaching, 10.30 a. m. and 7.30 p. m. Song and prayer service, 7 p. m.

Trinity Reformed Church, Collegeville, Rev. F. C. Yost, D. D., pastor. Services next Sunday at 10 a. m. Sunday School at 9. Junior Christian Endeavor at 2 p. m., and Senior C. E. at 7 p. m.

St. Luke's Reformed Church, Trappe, Rev. S. L. Messinger, S. T. D., pastor. Sunday School at 9 a. m. Preaching every Sunday at 10 a. m. and 7.30 p. m. Junior Endeavor prayer meeting at 2 p. m. Y. P. S. C. E. prayer meeting at 6.45 p. m. Bible Study meeting on Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock. All are most cordially invited to attend the services.

St. James' Church, Lower Providence, Rev. F. S. Ballentine, rector. Morning service and sermon, 10.30. Sunday School, 1.45 p. m. Evening service and sermon, 3. Holy Communion, First Sunday in the month. All are cordially invited and welcome.

Trappe Circuit United Evangelical Church, Rev. George R. Riffert, pastor. Services in the various churches as follows: Trappe—Preaching at 10 a. m.; Sunday School at 2 p. m. Limerick—Preaching at 2.30 p. m.; Sunday School at 1.30 p. m.; C. E. at 7.30 p. m. Zieglerville—Sunday School at 9.30 a. m.; special evangelistic preaching at 7.45 p. m.; revival meetings will be in progress each evening at 7.45 o'clock. All are invited to attend.

Passenger trains leave Collegeville for Philadelphia: 7.03, 7.45, 11.30 a. m., 6.05 p. m. Sunday—7.11 a. m., 6.33 p. m. For Allentown: 7.45, 11.02 a. m., 3.22, 6.05 p. m. Sundays—8.30 a. m., 7.39 p. m.

Home and Abroad.

—Thanksgiving Day, 1907.

—A few observations anent the occasion in the editorial department.

—The recent mixture of weather, rain, snow, sunshine, rain, more snow, with mud in plenitude,

—Should encourage thankfulness that even the weather might have been worse, with more of it.

—The philosophy of humanity is strengthened by stress, by storm; yea, by adversity;

—And here is to be found another reason for thankfulness,

—Because philosophy beats despair every time.

—The individual who rarely feels thankful is a born pessimist with a disordered liver.

—An honest man is one who considers the righteousness of a thing before how much it will hurt him.—Florida Times-Union.

—G. F. Clamer, of this borough, has been awarded the contract to put a steam heating plant in Wentz's Reformed church, Worcester.

—Greenlane Town Council has granted a franchise to the Perkiomen Valley Traction Company.

—S. W. Goub, of Douglassville, is building a pigeon loft 168 feet in length, that will accommodate 1000 homers.

—Four parents were fined \$2 each by a Norristown Magistrate for infraction of the compulsory education law.

—It is easier to scatter sunshine than to provide coal.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

—John A. Katzman, of North Heidelberg, Pa., made 22,883 gallons of cider this year.

—Lots of men are lenient with themselves because of their belief that charity begins at home.—Chicago News.

—The Christmas exercises of the Lower Providence Baptist Sunday School will be held on Saturday evening December 21.

—While making repairs on the Perkiomen Railroad, near Oaks, workmen found 29 snakes under a log.

—In one month 16 cows yielded 15,631 pounds of milk for James Miller, of Schuylville, Pa.

—Morris E. Weidenheimer is the owner of a prairie wolf, which he has tamed so that it follows him on the streets of Reading.

—Dr. W. C. Kline, of Bethel, Pa., raised an ear of corn ten inches in circumference, having 24 rows of corn and weighing 2½ pounds.

—The price of milk in Reading, 7 cents a quart, may drop back to 6 before long, as citizens have so reduced their consumption.

—In celebrating its twenty-first anniversary, the Christian Endeavor Society of Central Presbyterian church, Norristown, claims it is the oldest in the State.

—Greenlane Town Council is considering a proposition to establish an electric light plant and obtain power from dams in the Perkiomen.

—They shot only one rabbit, but it cost Henry Livengood and Frederick Sassaman \$15 fines and costs for trespassing on the land of Harry Stiltz, at Gilbertsville.

—Startled by the fierce "meows" of his cat after he had stepped on its tail, Harmon Marble, of Pottstown, upset a boiler of scalding water and was so badly burned that his condition is serious.

W. C. T. U.

The Collegeville Union will hold the regular monthly meeting at the home of Mrs. W. W. Chandler, Tuesday, December 3, at 3 p. m.

Divorce Granted.

The court has granted a divorce to Mrs. Florence Fegley Zimmerman, of Pottstown, from her husband George W. Zimmerman, formerly of this borough.

Thanksgiving Service at Trinity Reformed Church.

Thanksgiving service will be held on Thursday morning, November 28, at 10 o'clock. All are cordially invited to attend. The sermon will be preached by the pastor, Rev. F. C. Yost, D. D.

An Old Timer Gone.

Zebulon Gerhart, the oldest resident of the Upper Perkiomen Valley, died recently at his home in Red Hill, aged 93 years. He voted the straight Democratic ticket at every election since 1836, until last February, when he was unable to go to the polls because of the inclement weather.

Death-Bed Will Valid.

Although unsigned and unwitnessed, the will of Mrs. Mary A. Missimer, of Pottstown, making her husband, Colonel M. M. Missimer executor and sole legatee, has been probated. Before Mrs. Missimer could sign the will, made at her death-bed, she fell back in bed unconscious.

Deer Discovered Among Cows.

A big buck deer was discovered Saturday afternoon among a herd of cattle on the Leister farm, below Pottstown. From whence the animal came is a mystery. Several Pottstown gunners with their dogs chased it, but he escaped by swimming the Schuylkill river to the Chester county side.

Old Comrade Keeps His Word.

"If you die before I do, I'll come 25 miles, if necessary, to hold the flag over your grave," remarked Isaac Martz, of Berwick, Pa., to his friend, D. L. Hess, many years ago. "I'll do the same," remarked Mr. Hess. When the funeral services of Mr. Martz were held Thursday, there stood before the open grave the friend of years ago to drop the Stars and Stripes over his grave in salute.

Collision and Runaway.

Last Saturday evening Earl Moyer, of Gratersford, was on his way to Trappe and was driving through the upper part of Ironbridge when another team collided with his buggy. An upset followed and he was thrown out of his vehicle. His horse, becoming unmanageable, got beyond the control of Mr. Moyer and ran down the pike to this borough and up Main street to Trappe, and was finally caught at Reber's farm, north of that borough. The buggy was considerably damaged. Mr. Moyer escaped injury.

He Fought at Gettysburg.

David Parker, of Fayette, N. Y., who lost a foot at Gettysburg, writes: "Electric Bitters have done me more good than any medicine I ever took. For several years I had stomach trouble, and paid out much money for medicine to little purpose, until I began taking Electric Bitters. I would not take \$500 for what they have done for me." Grand tonic for the aged and for female weaknesses. Great alterative and body builder; sure cure for lame back and weak kidneys. Guaranteed by J. W. Culbert, druggist. 50c.

Clergymen in for Full Fare.

After January 1, 1908, clergymen, who have been traveling on the railroads at half rates, will be compelled to pay full fare. This fact has been made certain by the action of the general conference of the clergy bureau of the Passenger Association.

Boy Shot.

By the discharge of a companion's gun while hunting near Pottstown, Robert Quicksell, a boy, was shot in the upper jaw on Saturday. He walked several miles to the office of Dr. J. E. Porter and, refusing to take an anesthetic, stoically withstood the operation of having the bullet extracted.

Funeral Flowers Vain.

At the funeral Sunday of Anna Long, the 13-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Long, of Royersford, the family refused to permit the undertaker to bring the floral offerings into the church or to place them on the grave. According to the family's religious views flowers at a funeral are a mark of vanity.

Receiver for Hosiery Company.

On application of the Montgomery National Bank, Wyoming Spinning Co., and John Dyer, Louis Childs has been named by the court, receiver for the Eureka Knitting Company, of Norristown. Edwin S. Adams is the principal stockholder. The Company's financial embarrassment has caused considerable stir at the county seat.

Fast Horse Sold.

At Wm. Althouse's sale of horses bred at the Phoenixville stock farm, in West Philadelphia, last week, the trotter Directum Penn, with a record of 2.15, was sold to William McDonald, for \$3400. Cherry Wood, another Phoenixville trotter, was sold to James Stahl, of Jamestown, N. Y., for \$750. Both of these horses raced at Jeffersonville during the past season.

I. O. of O. F. Banquet.

On Saturday evening, December 7, a banquet will be held in the lodge room of Economy Lodge, I. O. of O. F., of this borough, in celebration of the payment of a mortgage for \$2,500 against the property of the lodge. During the evening the instrument of writing will go up in smoke and flames. It will be a gala event for the Odd Fellows and their wives and friends.

Boy's Narrow Escape.

While at play, Monday, on a fire escape on the Opera House, Norristown, young Clarence Cressman barely escaped death by the falling of the weight which holds suspended the bottom flight of iron steps. The weight struck the boy a glancing blow, and while it tore a portion of his scalp it did not fracture his skull, although it rendered him unconscious.

State Will Set Out 2,000,000 Little Trees.

Two million seedlings are being grown in the nurseries of the State Department of Forestry for transplanting on the forest reserves next spring. They will make a valuable addition to the State's already large stock of trees that are being set out in the reforestation campaign. The stock, which is being grown, is distributed among the stations at Mont Alto, Franklin county; Greenwood, Huntingdon county, and Asaph, Tioga county.

Acting Coroner Missimer's Bill Approved.

Acting Coroner Merit M. Missimer, of Pottstown, has received word that his action in holding an inquest in the auto horror at the Keim street crossing of the Reading Railway, in which four people lost their lives, has been approved by the court at Norristown. Judge Aaron Swartz approved the action. This is the first inquest held by Magistrate Missimer that has been approved for some time owing to the fact that Coroner King offered objections to the costs being paid, as he claimed it was his right to hold all inquests in the county limits.

Appendicitis

Is due in a large measure to abuse of the bowels, by employing drastic purgatives. To avoid all danger, use only Dr. King's New Life Pills, the safe, gentle cleansers and biliousness. Guaranteed to cure headache, indigestion, malaria and jaundice, at J. W. Culbert's drug store. 25c.

Typhoid Fever.

Typhoid fever has prevailed to a considerable extent in Phoenixville for the past three months. On Sunday death claimed one of the nurses in the Phoenixville Hospital, Miss Emma C. Kirkner, aged 23, of Dewalt, as a victim of the disease. During the height of the epidemic the hospital cared for 40 typhoid patients at one time, and all connected with the place were worked to the limit of endurance. While in this weakened condition Miss Kirkner was taken ill and died.

Sudden Death.

Mildred L. Fry, in her twelfth year, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clement Fry, of Norristown, and granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Lachman of this borough, died suddenly Sunday morning, after an illness of less than an hour. Death was due to a cerebral hemorrhage. Mildred was about as usual on Saturday and appeared to be in her usual health. Early Sunday morning she complained of illness, and her death ensued before a physician arrived. The funeral was held from the residence of the parents of the departed one, 211 Stanbridge street, on Tuesday at 2 p. m. Interment in Riverside cemetery; undertaker J. L. Bechtel in charge.

Old Men Celebrate Their Birthdays by Exhibiting Strength.

Two men, residents of Mount Joy, Pa., with an aggregate age of 166 years, last week celebrated their birthdays in a peculiar manner, each giving an exhibition of strength which spake exceedingly well for men of their age. It is safe to say at least that these two men are the champion corn huskers and hole diggers for their age in that place. Joseph White, who on Monday celebrated his eighty-fourth birthday, dug 21 postholes about a small field, and said he was not tired but could dig as many more. David U. Stoner celebrated his eighty-second birthday by husking 109 shocks of corn, and after the task had been finished said he was ready for more. The question will be asked, how large were the shocks?

Uncle Sam Utilizes Post Cards.

The 2500 patients at the Norristown Hospital for the Insane are enjoying a delightful treat, at the hands of Postmaster General Myers. Fully 40,000 post cards are confiscated each day in the post offices throughout the U. S. for various irregularities of the postal regulations, such as incomplete addresses, no stamp, unclaimed or unmailable cards. Instead of destroying all such cards at the Dead Letter Office only the offensive and undesirable ones are burned. The balance are being sent to public institutions. A few days ago there was received at the State Hospital a consignment of several thousand of these cards, many of them of pretty designs. These, with a later consignment, were, Saturday, distributed among the patients.

PERSONAL.

Cyrus Baker, formerly of this borough, now proprietor of a large hotel in Washington, N. J., was in town on Monday, visiting his son and family at the old homestead.

'Squire and Mrs. Horace Rimby have taken possession of their new home, formerly the residence belonging to the estate of the late Dr. Hendricks. The new greenhouses erected by the 'Squire on the property during the past season are extensive and models of convenience.

Mr. Samuel Longacre, of Chicago, visited Mrs. Susan Ashenleter a few days this week.

Mr. and Mrs. George Wenrick and Lenore Smull visited A. Waters and family this week.

On Thursday Mrs. Sheridan of Eighth avenue, this borough, received 103 post cards and 25 handkerchiefs from her friends in celebration of her 80th birthday. Mrs. Sheridan keenly appreciates so many remembrances from her host of friends.

Hard Debt to Pay.

"I owe a debt of gratitude that can never be paid off," writes G. S. Clark, of West, Iowa, "for my rescue from death, by Dr. King's New Discovery. Both lungs were so seriously affected that death seemed imminent, when I commenced taking New Discovery. The ominous dry, hacking cough quit before the first bottle was used, and two more bottles made a complete cure. Nothing has ever equalled New Discovery for coughs, colds and all throat and lung complaints. Guaranteed by J. W. Culbert, druggist. 50c. and \$1. Trial bottle free.

Address to Men.

A. W. Bomberger, Esq., of Norristown, will deliver an address to men in the Episcopal church, Evansburg, on Friday evening, November 29. Regular Thanksgiving service sermon at the same church to-day (Thursday) at 10.30.

Preparing Work on Agriculture.

Rev. J. D. Dietrich, of North Wales, is engaged in writing a work on agriculture for a Scranton publishing house. Rev. Dietrich preached in North Wales and White-marsch for thirty years. For the past three years he has had no charge. He is regarded as an expert authority on matters pertaining to agriculture.

Dr. Royer Files Bill to Secure Clear Title.

Dr. J. Warren Royer, of Trappe, has filed a bill of equity in the office of Prothonotary Hallman, by which he seeks to establish undisputed title to a property at Trappe containing something more than six acres. Dr. Royer states that he has been in possession of the property for over forty years and that his father, Joseph Royer, owned the premises for many years prior. It has been discovered, however, that a deed from John Benjamin to Jacob Johnson, dated March 12, 1808, and other deeds from Benjamin Stetter to Jacob Johnson, dated April 1, 1802, and George Esseg, Sr. to George Esseg, Jr., dated May 6, 1788, and Samuel Seely to John H. Seely, September 21, 1772, and Paul Engle to Daniel Rees, 1795, all of which form a chain of title and have been lost or mislaid and are not recorded in the Recorder's office. Dr. Royer therefore asks that a day may be set for a hearing for the purpose of perfecting his title to the property. He is represented by Evans & Dettra.

Lived 101 Years.

Isaac Mather, "the grand old man of the Cheltenham Hills," who was 101 years old on October 27 last, died Saturday morning at his home in Jenkintown. There was no particular malady that caused the death of the aged Quaker. The physician said that there was not a tangible thing the matter with him from a medical standpoint, except the general wasting away of the tissues of the frame. Mr. Mather's two sons, Israel and Isaac, who are 76 and 56 years old, respectively, were at his bedside when he died. Since last April Mr. Mather has been confined to his home. A severe cold laid him low, and compelled him for the first time in three-quarters of a century to desist from his daily walks into Jenkintown, and his Sunday visits to the old Abington Meetinghouse, a mile away, at which his ancestors for generations back had worshipped. Just after casting his ballot for Governor Stuart on November 6, 1906, in Jenkintown, Mr. Mather said: "My first vote was cast in 1827, just a few days after I reached the age of 21, and in 1828 I voted for John Quincy Adams for President. Only one year since—in 1905—have I missed going to the polls."

Sentences Imposed By Court.

Smuel Estreicher, of Pottstown, convicted at the last court of illegal liquor selling and whose application for a new trial was refused, was before court at Norristown, Monday morning for sentence. The sentence imposed was three months in jail and to pay \$500 fine and the costs. Under the new law a number of the prisoners pleaded guilty and were given sentences. Charles Burton pleaded guilty to setting fire to a barn on the premises of his employer, John Martin, at North Wales, a week ago. He was given eight years in the Penitentiary.

Samuel McLaughlin, larceny at Ardmore, 6 months in jail. John Stockdale, of Norristown, got one year for borrowing wheelbarrows and selling them. Tony Consetti got 9 months for stealing iron at Cheltenham. Alexander McLaughlin and John Haines, larceny of a wagon and feed, 9 months. Braslau Lavinski, a married woman, of Conshohocken, was given three months for adultery. She said she would rather go to jail than back to her husband.

While John Crouthamel was plowing in his field near Quakertown, he found a cent dated 1795. Abram K. Hess also found a dime dated 1790.

Sauer Kraut and Chicken.

According to the West Chester Local News, a German resident of that place, who claims to be a judge of good things, says there is no better dish than sauer kraut cooked with chicken. He says the flavor is the finest and urges others to make a trial of the dish, using chicken instead of the usual pork, the fowl being as fat as can be secured.

Graphite Company Officers Accused.

The officers of the United States Graphite Company, having its base of operations at Byers, Chester county, are up against criminal proceedings and the President, Treasurer, and a Director of the Company—Paul Morris, Wm. A. Donnelly, and Mahlon VanBooskirk—are in Moyamensing, awaiting a further hearing, Friday morning, on a charge of conspiracy to defraud stockholders. Warrants have been issued for twelve other officers and directors of the company. The most serious charge made in the affidavit of the stockholders, is that the defendants did not conduct a legitimate business in the production and sale of graphite, but paid the dividends from the capital paid in by stockholders. This, known as the "endless chain" plan, is the one on which the notorious Storey Cotton Company and Provident Investment Bureau were run. Many of the officers and directors of the company occupied similar positions in the Pennsylvania Graphite Company and the brokerage firm of Paul Morris and Co., and if the charges made in the affidavit be true the three concerns were linked and intertwined in a most amazing manipulation of "high finance."

Items From Trappe.

A special meeting of Town Council will be held next Saturday evening to receive the report of the committee as to the Collegeville Gas Company ordinance and take final action in relation to the same.

William Roberts, one of the oldest citizens of this borough, now in his 83d year, last week husked 39 large shocks of corn, and tied and shocked the fodder, in nine hours. Mr. Roberts is a remarkably strong and active man for one so far advanced in life.

An Italian barber has his headquarters at Kern's hotel, pending the fitting up of a shop on the old Fry store property which he purchased some time ago.

The cantata, "The Great Light," so successfully rendered in the Lutheran church on Wednesday evening of this week will be repeated on Sunday evening, December 8.

Meeting of Upper Providence Live Stock Insurance Association at Kern's hotel next Monday afternoon from 1 to 3 p. m. Managers meet at 9 a. m.

Wm. H. Gross, of Lee, Mass., visited his sister, Mrs. Jane Rambo, Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Whitby, of Norristown, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. James R. Weikel, Sunday.

Some of the boys are trying to decide who's entitled to the reward for locating a stray dog. The problem is not altogether an easy one.

Isaac Longstreth expects to receive another lot of young horses from the far west in the near future. He will feed them during the coming winter and sell them when spring comes.

Ironbridge Echoes.

The S. L. L. S. will give a Thanksgiving social, Saturday evening, in Eagle hall. All members come and bring your friends.

Miss Cora Hunsicker was tendered a post card surprise last Thursday. She received two hundred and fifty beautiful cards, for which she feels very grateful to her numerous friends.

Of the visitors in the village over Sunday were: Mr. and Mrs. J. Louis Kline and son, Stanley Hunsicker, Wm. Bauman, Wm. Ashenfelter, all of Philadelphia; Miss Parrie of Abington, Mr. Gable of Norristown, Mr. E. H. Davis of Danielsville, Miss Lillian Gable and Miss Elizabeth Ashenfelter of Walnoutport.

Charged with killing two robins, Antonio Pasqual, of Philadelphia, was fined \$57.63 by Alderman Robert Smith, of Chester.

A WEEK'S NEWS CONDENSED

Thursday, November 21.

Fremont B. Chesbrough has offered Bay City, Mich., \$100,000 to purchase a site for a park.

Roy Winters, who is wanted by the authorities at Newell, W. Va., for the alleged embezzlement of \$800, was arrested at Boston.

Members of the national committee of the Prohibition party met in Chicago to select a city in which to hold the national convention in June, 1908. Four foreigners were killed and three injured in an explosion at a construction camp on the Portland & Seattle road, 12 miles south of Cheney, Wash., while thawing dynamite for blasting.

Friday, November 22.

The National Grange voted to hold its next annual session in Washington, D. C.

Charles F. Caswell, associate justice of the Colorado supreme court, died in Denver of paralysis of the heart after a week's illness.

Mrs. Evelyn Romadka, wife of a Milwaukee merchant, who was convicted of burglary in Chicago, was taken to the penitentiary to begin her sentence of from one to 20 years.

Walter Wellman, leader of the Chicago Record-Herald polar expedition, who is returning from his first attempt to reach the North Pole by balloon, arrived in New York from Cherbourg on the steamer Majestic.

Saturday, November 23.

Mrs. Anna MacLaren, widow of General Robert N. MacLaren, died at the home of her daughter in St. Paul, Minn.

The 36th international convention of the Young Men's Christian Association of North America was held in Washington.

Oceana, a lumbering village of 400 inhabitants near Huntington, W. Va., was almost entirely wiped out by fire which started in the Kelly hotel and caused a loss of \$100,000.

Foster Crowell, a civil engineer, for many years identified with the engineering department of the Pennsylvania railroad, was appointed street cleaning commissioner of New York by Mayor McClellan.

Monday, November 25.

Walker P. Inman, one of the oldest, most prominent and wealthy men in Georgia, was found dead in bed in his home at Atlanta.

Louis Weidner, 12 years old, of Lancaster, Pa., was nearly smothered by a horse he was riding getting the blind stagers and falling on him.

For attending a football game in disobedience of orders, 14 girls, comprising the entire senior class of the Pontwater (Mich.) high school, have been suspended.

Judge Fuller, at Wilkes-Barre, Pa., has ordered that all the \$1500 worth of gambling paraphernalia captured in a big raid by the state police several months ago be burned.

Tuesday, November 26.

While playing about the range in his home in Philadelphia, 4-year-old Gendessa Tonitanielli was burned to death.

Steven Adams, the jury in whose trial for the murder of Fred Tyler, at Rathdrum, Idaho, reported a disagreement, was admitted to bail.

Henry Potter, aged 19, shot and killed himself at Aberdeen, Wash., because of unrequited affection for Marguerite McCarthy, aged 16, a hospital nurse.

Former Alderman William C. Oker-shauser, of Milwaukee, Wis., was found guilty of having solicited a bribe in connection with a city ordinance, and was sentenced to one year in the house of correction.

Wednesday, November 27.

Fire in the Whitehall-Tatem glass factory at Millville, N. J., caused a loss of \$5000.

The Pennsylvania Democratic state committee expended \$15,255 in the recent campaign for state treasurer.

At the age of 99 years, Charles W. Chase, a well-to-do farmer near Fall River, Mass., decided that life was not worth living and committed suicide by taking poison.

In a speak-easy in Carter county, Ky., Sunday night, Samuel Rose and Jack Conn were killed during a pistol battle, making 11 tragedies in the same place within the past year.

PRODUCE QUOTATIONS

The Latest Closing Prices in the Principal Markets.

PHILADELPHIA — FLOUR steady; winter extras, new, \$4.45; city mills, fancy, \$5.80 to \$5.90; RYE FLOUR, quiet, at \$4.50 to \$4.60 per barrel; WHEAT steady; No. 3 Pennsylvania red, \$1.10; No. 2 yellow, local, 67½¢; OATS quiet; No. 2 white, 52½¢; No. 3, 51½¢; lower grades, 52¢. HAY firm; timothy, large bales, \$20.50; small, \$19.50. BUTTER firm; creamery separator extras, 28¢; prints, 29¢; held, 21¢; 22¢. Maryland and Pennsylvania dairy prints, 18¢ to 19¢. EGGS firm; fancy Maryland, Pennsylvania and Virginia, 21¢; West Virginia, 30¢; southern, 28¢ to 29¢, per dozen.

BALTIMORE — WHEAT steady; No. 2 spot, 95½¢ to 96½¢; No. 2 spot, 95½¢ to 96½¢; southern, 95½¢ to 96½¢; CORN steady; mixed spot, 62¢ to 62½¢; steam mixed, 58½¢ to 59½¢. OATS quiet; white, No. 2, 52½¢ to 53¢; No. 3, 51½¢ to 52¢; No. 4, 49¢ to 50¢; mixed, No. 2, 50½¢ to 51¢; No. 3, 49¢ to 49½¢. BUTTER firm; creamery separator extras, 28¢; prints, 29¢; held, 21¢; 22¢. Maryland and Pennsylvania dairy prints, 18¢ to 19¢. EGGS firm; fancy Maryland, Pennsylvania and Virginia, 21¢; West Virginia, 30¢; southern, 28¢ to 29¢, per dozen.

LIVE STOCK MARKETS. PITTSBURGH (Union Stock Yards) — CATTLE lower; choice, \$5.60 to \$5.75; prime, \$5.25 to \$5.50; HOGS lower; prime heavies, mediums, Yorkers and pigs, \$4.35 to \$4.40; roughs, \$3.75 to \$4. SHEEP steady; prime wethers, \$5.15 to \$5.25; culls and common, \$1.50 to \$2.50; lambs, \$4.50 to \$5.00; veal calves, \$5 to \$5.50.

Jottings From Limerick.

The champion skunk hunter of Limerick came to the Square the other evening and sold Frank Stauffer a number of fine pelts.

The moon rises rather late for nocturnal promenades.

David J. Wise is on the sick list — threatened with pneumonia.

The farewell party at the Fruitville hotel, Saturday evening, attracted a crowd.

Mrs. Wm. Jillard, of Philadelphia, who has been boarding with Mrs. B. F. Schlichter for some months past, is critically ill.

E. H. Tyson purchased a pair of fine young black horses at the Alto-house sale, W. Philadelphia, last week. Wm. Dolan and son brought the horses from the city. Mr. Tyson has a keen eye for well-bred, speedy horses.

Paragraphs from Yerkes.

Mrs. Caroline Bowers visited her sister Mrs. Isaiah Reifinger, of Valley Forge, over Saturday and Sunday.

Robert Wynne, of Nantmeal, Chester county, visited his brother, F. Russell Wynne, Monday.

Davis Raudenbush contemplates building a new porch at his farm residence near here.

Mr. and Mrs. Elias Detwiler and Mr. and Mrs. Irvin H. Detwiler visited their aunt, Mrs. Cora Laferty, of Mt. Airy, Philadelphia, Sunday.

Miss Elizabeth Detwiler visited Miss Florence Griscom, of Norristown, Sunday.

Miss Sue M. Detwiler has taken a position with Ackers' 15th and Chestnut Street Store, Philadelphia.

She is employed in the lunch department and will be pleased to have her friends call.

Miss Anna Detwiler, of Norristown, spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Detwiler, at Locust Manor.

Russell Wynne while gunning on Monday succeeded in shooting six rabbits.

Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Funk and family visited in Limerick Sunday.

Mr. Henning, of Worcester, visited friends on the Jersey side, over Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. Peters, of Washington D. C., visited his aunt Eliza Peters, of Lower Providence, Thursday.

Mrs. Isaiah Landes and daughter visited her brother, S. H. Raudenbush, of Jeffersonville, Thursday.

Mrs. F. R. Wynne spent a few days in Pottstown last week.

A steer belonging to John Gotwals choked upon an ear of corn last Friday, and narrowly escaped death. Dr. Price attended the animal.

Mrs. J. G. Detwiler visited an aged aunt, Mrs. Anna Sindlinger, of Norristown, on Saturday.

There is still a great deal of corn to harvest in this community, although some of the farmers are through.

Miss Tillie Yerkes has taken a position in Germantown, Philadelphia.

Emanuel Buckwalter's condition remains about the same.

Miss Bertha Gennaria visited at Charles Gennaria's Saturday and Sunday.

There was not a very large attendance at the Crescent on Saturday evening but a most excellent program was rendered. This organization has lived at least twelve years and it is strongly hoped that it will as many more. The society is a very useful organization in this community, and it solicits the membership of all earnest young people.

FROM OAKS.

A well attended and an enthusiastic meeting of the Oaks Fire Company was held Wednesday evening in Bert Smith's cigar store. The committee to draft a constitution and by-laws was present, and the chairman, John U. Francis, Jr., read the same for the benefit of the company. The president of the company said everything was progressing finely and a fire company at Oaks would be a fixed fact; time alone would only be necessary to accomplish the ends. If we might judge by the enthusiasm shown in this community over the expectations of having a fire company here, Oaks will be represented in the next parade of volunteer firemen of the State.

The scholars of the public schools here, urged in the appeal for a donation to Phoenixville Hospital, were

not slow in answering the call, as every known substance in the vegetable line which could be turned into a savory dish was in evidence, while pickles and jelly were added to the list. Little Miss Frances Yocum brought with her to school just as many potatoes as she was years of age. This was a unique way of proving the sympathy of her heart.

The Montello Brick Works broke down, and so have shut down, and Little Italy will be classed with the deserted city of the plain.

As to weather, the past week was made of blue Mondays the week out. November is a dark, dreary, gloomy month, and as it is the only month that gives us Thanksgiving Day, it is our duty to give thanks regardless of the weather.

The rabbit season only ends with fox hunting and chasing, and Saturday the hunters were out; the dogs given a lively chase over the hills, meadows and fields. The ground is rather soft for such diversion, but that does not appear to be any deterrent. This part of Montgomery and Chester counties appears to be the stamping ground for fox hunters, both ladies and gentlemen.

Miss Sallie Dettra, who has been following the calling as nurse for many years, will give it up and return to her home, as she believes her father and mother, who are getting along in years, need her presence at home. Miss Dettra was a most efficient and faithful nurse, and that fact alone kept her busy with very little time she could claim as her own. Miss Pomeroy, who lately returned from a trip to Europe, is visiting Miss Dettra, she being one of Miss Dettra's patients whom she attended in her affliction.

A. H. Brower has been repairing the sidewalk, but stopped short before he reached Perkiomen avenue. Appropriation ran out, no doubt. It is all right as far as it went.

George Deviney has been repairing the sidewalks around Oaks, but, dear me, Oaks is hardly one-quarter of a mile away, and we have not been there for six weeks. Home, home, home, sweet home, there's no place like home; so we think.

Daniel McBride, of Newark, N. J., is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John McBride.

Miss Bessie Smith, who has been housed with tonsillitis, was out for the first Saturday, and visited friends in Norristown.

Miss Sara Kulp was a visitor to Phoenixville, Saturday.

Miss Helen Davis took part in an entertainment given by Miss Euen, Phoenixville, Saturday evening.

Frank H. Jarrett is able to sit up, after a week's company with la grippe.

It is understood that next year will be leap year. So, if you love me, say so, and if you love me and don't like to say so, why just squeeze my hand.

Tyson Williams, who is working in Camden, N. J., was home over Sunday.

John U. Gotwals was in Philadelphia, Saturday.

This is an odd sentence, that the dawn of day is the death of night; yet the death of light is the birth of dark.

Valley Forge park is becoming forsaken, but still stand the hills as firm, as fast, as when they stood in the immutable past. On whose wooded slopes a patriot band sought shelter from the wintry blast, and suffered there unnumbered fast, for liberty, for freedom. The foundation for the Wayne monument has been completed, and foundations for markers and tablets will be laid where Generals Weedon and Muhlenberg were encamped.

Senator Culberson of Texas for President. Some one from Maine or the State of Washington would be next in order. When extremes meet something will happen, sure. We read Senator Culberson is the sapient son of a sainted father. So Bryan should be the sapientist sapling of the river Platte.

Abe Sloan, who was badly injured in a runaway accident election day, can get about with the aid of a cane.

Speaking of canes, Abe H. Brower has a sword cane which belonged to Robert Shannon, father of Charles Shannon, of Shannonville, now Audubon. The cane is over one hundred years old. It is quite an old stick, and would make a fellow uneasy to be stuck with the sword.

We read of the death of Daniel Weaver, a soldier of the 11th Penna. Vols., not Penna. Reserves, which was commanded by Col. Dick Coulter, a fighting colonel. The regiment served in the three months' service and at the expiration of the term re-enlisted for three years in the field, retaining their old original number, the Eleventh Penna. Vols. Infantry. The regiment was composed of men from the western part of the State, and fought under Gens. Lander and Shields. At the battle of Antietam Col. Christian, commanding the brigade the Eleventh was attached, was taken suddenly ill—well, he didn't happen to be about and the brigade was without a leader. General Ricketts called up Colonel Coulter, who seized the battle flag of his regiment and rode up and down the battle line, inspiring and urging the men of the brigade. After the battle the wounded

were taken back to Hagerstown and a rumor gained credence that Gen. Lee would attack the town. The wounded were hurried off to Chambersburg and other towns along the Cumberland Valley R. R., and the churches were used as hospitals. Captain Buck, of the Eleventh, was wounded, and he as well as the enemy's wounded were hustled off to Chambersburg. Some time afterward Col. Coulter on his way home on leave stopped at Chambersburg to see the captain. Near by the captain lay a wounded rebel soldier. After spending a time with the captain the colonel said good-bye and went down the aisle, when the rebel asked, who is that man? and said, I shot at that man three times and missed him each time. The captain called, hey, Colonel, come back; here's a man who said he shot at you three times and missed you. Yes? said the reb, the very man who rode along the line on horseback carrying a flag. Well, said the Colonel, is your army made up of such men like you? If they are, it's a pity to fight you. Shot at me three times and missed me each time! I tell you what you do: go home and practice shooting at a barn door and see whether you can hit the barn.

Thanksgiving services will be held in the Green Tree church on Thursday, Thanksgiving Day evening, at eight o'clock. A special collection will be lifted for the benefit of the Phoenixville Hospital. Donations in the way of produce or anything in the eatable line will be received. S. Howard Yocum will have charge of the same. As we give thanks for the many blessings and favors we have received, so should we remember those less favored than we and prove ourselves worthy by giving to this institution, the Phoenixville Hospital, which is doing so much good for the sick and afflicted. It is a duty we owe to ourselves and humanity's sake. Blessings much more accrue to us by our prayers for others, and as God has remembered us in innumerable blessings, mercies, benefits, and favors, so should we prove to Him our gratefulness by our readiness in helping and aiding the sick and afflicted. There will be baptism in the church at seven o'clock, before the regular services.

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There it floated until it began to fear in ribbons, when it was taken down and a new one placed on the building. After the death of Captain Driver the first Old Glory was given to the Essex Institute at Salem, where it is still preserved and may be seen by the curious.—Kansas City Journal.

Too Much to Expect. Camp Meeting John Allen, the grandfather of Mrs. Nordica, for many years a picturesque figure among the Methodist ministers in the state of Maine. He was a good deal of a wag, and his utterances were much appreciated by both saint and sinner. At one time, having gone to Lewiston to attend a quarterly meeting, he was approached in the street by several young men who were evidently out for a good time. "Camp Meeting John," said the spokesman, "who was the devil's grandmother?"

"The devil's grandmother," replied the old man in the quick, sharp tone so characteristic of his speech, "the devil's grandmother—how do you expect me to keep your family record?"—Cleveland Leader.

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Ruby and R.F.D.

By W. F. BRYAN.

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Across the fields the heat waves shimmered "like an invisible jelly," as Dabney Forbush put it to his sister. "I wouldn't go to town with the handsomest man in the postal service," he declared laughingly as Ruby firmly stamped a tiny foot on the floor. "I don't think you're fair to the poor chap," he went on, more seriously. "Suppose he becomes so hopelessly in love that at the end of the season, when you go back to town, he finds the Parkvale girls dull and uninteresting. Perhaps he will commit suicide." "I wish you would keep quiet," said Ruby hotly. "I have to go to town to get some silks for that sofa pillow I am making for you. If Mr. Perkins is so kind as to take me in, you should be grateful to him."

"If it's for that class pillow you're making for me, I'll go in after it myself."



"I WANT TO SAY GOODBYE TO YOU HERE UNDER THE TREES."

self," offered Dabney. "It will save Perkins the trouble of hitching up and driving back here again. That's no part of his postal labors."

Ruby stamped her foot again.

"I think you are perfectly horrid," she declared. "Just as though you could pick out the right colors!"

"A man ought to know his own class colors," Dabney defended. "You say I never do anything for you, and then when I offer to take a hot trip to town and walk all the way back you call me horrid. Here comes Peter Perkins now. I guess I'll slide into the house. Great emotions always upset me."

He dodged into one of the low windows before Ruby could reach him with the cushion she had caught up from one of the chairs, and his mocking laugh rang out as the girl gave a little shake to her ruffled plumage and started down the shady walk to the gate.

The ramshackle wagon used in the rural free delivery service was just drawing up to the block, and she climbed lightly to a place beside the stalwart young fellow, whose glad smile showed all too plainly the pleasure he felt.

"It was awfully good of you to come back this way for me," she said after her hand had lingered an instant in his muscular grip. "Dab does make such a martyr of himself when he does anything for me, and Mr. Slocum will not let us have the horses in the harvesting season."

"I was only too glad to come back," said Perkins simply. "You can't blame Slocum about the horses. He needs them all just now. If you come to a real farmhouse to spend the summer, you cannot expect a livery outfit like those places where the biggest crop they raise is summer boarders."

"It has been such a real summer," she said smilingly. "I hate the round of fashionable hotels. This has been ideal."

"Parkvale is a pretty nice place," he said reflectively. "I don't know when I ever spent a more pleasant summer myself."

"You have done a very great deal toward making things pleasant for me," said Ruby. "I don't know when I ever saw Dabney so disobliging. If it had not been for you, I don't know what I should have done."

"We are supposed to be polite," he reminded. "It's in the regulations." Ruby wondered if the regulations required him to hitch up a fresh rig and drive her back to the farm after her purchases were made, as he had done a score of times.

From the first she had been attracted to the handsome young driver of the rural delivery. He was so unlike the men she knew in town. She shuddered at the name of Peter Perkins. It did not match his manner or his appearance, but she had almost forgotten his name except when her brother teased her about it. At first

Ruby had simply utilized her inherent flirtatious instinct, but later she had come to realize that she loved the mail driver, and at times the knowledge frightened her.

Peter broke the silence. "You'll be going back home pretty soon now, won't you?" he asked.

Ruby nodded.

"We expect to leave Saturday. Dabney must visit an uncle from whom he has expectations, and mother wants me to come to her for a few weeks. She is in the mountains."

"I'm glad that you're going," he said abruptly.

"Glad!" Ruby turned in her seat to face him. "I don't think that you are very polite!" she cried.

"I couldn't bear to think of your being here after I am gone," he exclaimed simply.

"You are going?" she asked. "I thought you lived here."

"I was here only for the summer," he explained. "I must go back home too."

"I suppose you will carry pleasant recollections of this delightful country," she said. "I know that I shall always remember this summer most pleasantly."

"I want to take away something else," he said slowly. Ruby turned her face away and let her gaze wander over the fragrant flowering buckwheat. "I want to take with me your promise that some day I may come for you," he went on—"that some day I may come and claim you for my bride. May I, dear?"

Gently Ruby drew from his grasp the hand he had seized. Her heart cried "Yes," but there came into her mental vision the prospect of her ambitious mother. Mrs. Forbush would never consent to their union, and Mrs. Forbush could make life very unpleasant when she elected.

"I am sorry," she said softly, "but I cannot answer you as you want me to. I shall always remember most pleasantly this happy summer. Please do not ask more of me."

"You do not love me?" he demanded bluntly.

"I do like you," she said. "I—I cannot say more."

Peter flicked his horse with his whip, and the patient animal jogged on. He spoke no more of his love, and Ruby was grateful to him.

She went about her shopping while Peter drove over to the postoffice to report. When he returned to meet her it was with a livery rig.

"I cannot use the delivery horses now," he explained. "I am no longer working for the contractor. Shall we go home by the river road?"

Her eyes made answer. The river road was the longest and prettiest, and she would not deny herself this last trip with the man she loved. Tomorrow he must pass out of her life. Tonight she wished only that she might drive on and on far into the soft summer night.

But Peter kept the horse at a trot, and presently they were at the farm. He was a favorite with Mrs. Slocum, and she insisted that he come in and take supper with them. He lingered in the gloom of the trees until the moon was high, but at last he had to go.

"I want to say goodbye to you here under the trees," he said as he rose to his feet. "After I have harnessed up the whole family will come out. I am sorry you could not say 'Yes,' dear, but I do not blame you, and I shall always love you and cherish the memory of this summer."

He bent over her and lightly brushed her forehead with his lips. Then he strode off toward the barn, and presently she heard the grating of the buggy wheels upon the graveled walk. There was the sound of voices as he took farewell of the group on the back porch, and then the carriage came down the drive and turned into the road.

For a moment the world seemed to stand still for Ruby; then she leaped from the hammock and went flying down the dusty road after the buggy.

"Peter! Peter!" she called softly. "Come back. It was all a mistake. I do love you, and I will marry you, no matter what mother says."

In an instant he had sprung from the buggy and had her in his arms. Dabney came running up.

"I want to be the first to congratulate you, old man," he said as he grasped Peter's hand. "I knew you'd win, even if sis does hate all the men I know."

"All the men you know!" gasped Ruby.

"This is Pennington, Pete Pennington," he explained, "my roommate at college. He took the job to meet you without the disadvantage of my indorsement."

"I would have loved him anyhow," declared Ruby stoutly, "millionaire or R. F. D. clerk, as you like."

When You Are Bilious.

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African Kings and Barons.

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A Noise From Human Bones.

Among savage nations it is often customary to use human bones for the purpose of making horns, and a terrible screech can be brought out of these awful instruments. The braves in many South American tribes in the vicinity of the Amazon employ these peculiarly constructed horns as instruments of war, playing on them as they enter into conflict and employing their harsh, screeching tones to drown the cries of the wounded and inspire their foes with terror. The chief warriors of the tribe make it one of the main points of their fighting to capture or kill the chosen chiefs of the other side, not to eat them or take their scalps, but to make horns out of their bones. Armed with these peculiar instruments, they march a second time against the hostile tribe, playing the battle music, which is to encourage their own men, on the bones of the chiefs of those whom they march to oppose. A warrior, in fact, may be the chosen brave of a tribe one day, and the next day part of him may be turned into an instrument of martial music with which his brethren are scared.



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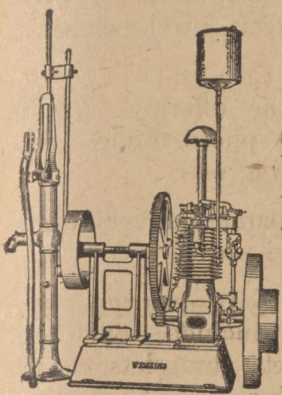
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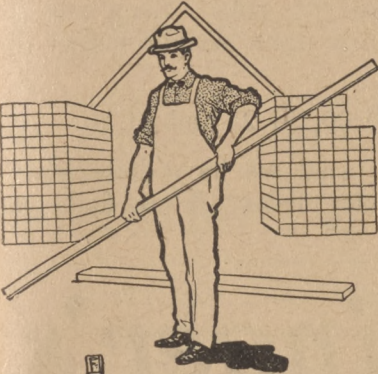
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Tobogganing In 1765.

It is interesting to note in Smollett's "Travels Through France and Italy" that when the novelist was making an excursion in March, 1765, from Nice across the Maritime Alps to Turin he descended the Piedmontese slope of the Col di Tenda toward Sunco on a toboggan.

"Having reached the top of the mountain," he tells us in letter thirty-eight, "we prepared for descending on the other side by the leze, which is an occasional sledge made of two pieces of wood, carried up by the coullants (local guides) for the purpose. I did not much relish this kind of carriage, especially as the mountain was very steep and covered with such a thick fog that we could hardly see two or three yards before us. Nevertheless our guides were so confident and my companion, who had passed the same way on other occasions, so secure that I ventured to place myself on this machine, one of the coullants standing behind me and the other sitting before me as the conductor, with his feet paddling in the snow, in order to moderate the velocity of its descent. Thus accommodated, we descended the mountain with such rapidity that in an hour we reached Limon. Here we waited two full hours for the mules which traveled with the servants by the common road."

This is simply tobogganing used as a practical means of transit for travelers in the Alps.—Chambers' Journal.

Romance of a Geranium Leaf.

By MARY W. MOUNT.

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His friends declared that Herbert Wyndham would one day be recognized as a great artist. "Genius will out," they insisted, grieving secretly over the undisguisable poverty which clung to man and studio.

They were jubilant in this declaration when Miss Ruth Greville sat to him for a portrait. She was the first butterfly who had drifted from the gilded realms of society into the obscure studio in Herkimer street. With her came a breath of luxury from a world which had long become a stranger to Wyndham.

Her parents arranged with the artist for her sittings. Now and then all three turned and looked at her, settling between them the pose in which she was to be painted. The girl herself said little. She appeared sweetly anxious to have the portrait painted exactly as her parents pleased. Of personal vanity she seemed to have none. Wyndham stirred with keen pleasure as he noticed her appreciative scrutiny of his pictures. She evidently understood something of art. Wyndham saw behind the roses and lilies of her face in its frame of curling hair a mind to be explored. He was eager to begin the portrait.

When he did his hand was unsteady. To the excitement of a first profitable order of the kind he had longed for was added the excitement of painting a face whose kindling beauty baffled while it enchanted him.

Some unformed idea of delightful chats about art had lingered in his mind, to be brushed aside like a cobweb at her first sitting. She was cold, with a calm serenity which held him aloof as effectually as some impassable barrier. Nothing of haughtiness tinged her manner. It seemed merely not to



"WON'T YOU COME TO SEE ME?" SHE ASKED SIMPLY.

occur to her that any social intercourse could exist between an aristocrat of Elmwood avenue and a dweller in this small studio at the top of three flights of dingy stairs. Her very youth took off the sting of this insolence of wealth, she was so entirely unconscious of it.

Perhaps this impalpable barrier of reserve might have been brushed aside to some extent had Wyndham been less sensitive to it. He met her unresponsiveness with like reserve, her uncommunicativeness with silence.

But as he painted in the lines of her graceful figure and the bloom of her face grew under his hand upon the canvas he was acutely conscious of every lovely contour and tint, madly rebellious that this girl, with her wide, intellectual brow and soft, sympathetic eyes, never vouchsafed him a single unnecessary word, never looked his way with an even momentary sympathy.

"Your hair baffles me!" he declared one day, laying down his brush. Something in his tone startled her. "Are artists always so intense?" she asked herself.

She raised her hand to the ripples of her pale brown hair, where golden lights shifted and changed with a warm glow as alluring as it was impossible to express. Her violet eyes widened.

"Shall I change my position?" she asked.

He rushed into an explanation of the difficulty of painting light in hair. She looked interested, but made no comment.

Wyndham saw what her observant eyes noted every makeshift in the studio. It hurt him to feel that she comprehended every particle of the poverty of his life. This hurt the more when, toward the last, he thought that he surprised a look of pity in her eyes.

He hardly expected her to tell him at parting that she meant to send all her friends to him to be painted because he did it so beautifully. But she did, and she kept her word. Wyndham's friends said that luck had come to him in a golden spoon.

To Wyndham, sitting alone in his studio poring over a delicate sketch of a beautiful girl with eyes of tenderest sympathy and golden lights in her curling hair, luck seemed to have departed. All that was left to those weeks of poignant emotion was this

secret sketch of a girl whose soft eyes looked into his with an expression which the living eyes had never worn, this and a leaf of rose geranium which she had dropped upon the floor. She had missed it when she left, for he saw her glance at her dress and then about her, as though seeking something. In a little memorandum book in an inside pocket he kept it, where he could peep at it whenever he jotted in a date or looked up a reference.

One day the glory of life seemed to flood his world again, for Ruth Greville came to his studio. A charity bazaar was to be held, and she had charge of the art table. She wanted a picture for it, and she thought he might contribute some little sketch. He promised more than that. He would superintend the erection of her stall and decorate it himself. She wondered at his enthusiasm. When he refused payment for the work she was embarrassed. This had not been what she intended. Nor did she realize till long afterward that a busy artist could not spend two days overseeing the erection and decoration of the most beautiful booth in the bazaar without some pecuniary loss.

She was charmed with his work and unbent to be gracious, although she had first cast a startled glance at the distinguished looking man in evening clothes who approached her when Wyndham became a purchaser at her stall.

Because he read her thought so well he made but a small purchase there, a trifle decorated by her own hands. She saw him spend freely at another booth. After that Wyndham removed to a better studio. He would try to forget her, he told himself. He did not succeed. Every frown-frown of silken skirts upon his stairs made his heart pound expectantly. One day she came.

He hoped she had not noticed his pallor and nervousness when he welcomed her. He feared she had, for a sort of wondering interrogation flashed over her mobile features.

She wanted to have an engagement made for some work, she said.

His hands still trembled as he pulled out his little book and turned over its pages. From between them there fluttered a rose geranium leaf. A flood of crimson rushed to his forehead. His eyes of guilty consciousness betrayed all the story of his love for her glance of swift inquiry and comprehension. He saw that she recognized the leaf, but he could not conceal the tenderness with which he picked it up.

"It was such a pretty leaf—so wonderfully formed"—he stammered apologetically.

She looked at him bravely, a flush fading from her own cheeks, and explained her errand as though the incident of the leaf had meant nothing to her. But as he wrote down a date there suddenly rushed over her the remembrance of his faithfulness, his proud dignity in poverty, his modesty in hard won success.

She paused upon the threshold and held out her hand.

"Won't you come to see me?" she asked simply. Her eyes were filled with a light he had never seen in them before. In their depths he read surrender.

"Come soon," she added tremulously, withdrawing her hand, "for I have long wanted to say this."

Avoiding Direct Testimony.

The wealthy parishoner had with him his pastor, and miles of road were thrown into clouds of dust by the plunging automobile.

"Halt!" commanded the officer, but no more attention was given to him than to the flitting telephone poles. Over those poles, however, sped a message, and at the next crossroads a barrier was encountered and also another representative of the law.

"Not only did he break the speed law," complained the constable when the party had assembled in court, "but he also told me to go to the devil."

"You lie!" thundered the wealthy parishoner. "I never use such language."

"We must protect our officers from profanity," intoned the justice. Then, turning to the clergyman, "Perhaps this gentleman, who will not make a misstatement, will tell us whether or not the devil was mentioned in this controversy."

"Your honor," pleaded the clergyman, "I and my brethren refer to his Satanic majesty so frequently that any additional allusion to him would not impress itself upon me sufficiently to remember the incident."—New York Press.

Slightly Mixed.

An Australian traveling in Japan fell into a mixed company in which were an English girl and an American woman. He made himself agreeable to the American at the start, she relates in her account of "A Woman Alone in the Heart of Japan," by remembering that Americans are accustomed to ride over Niagara falls in tubs. Then he switched to the war of the Revolution. "The whole thing was," he said, "that the colonies refused to send England troops to aid her in a foreign war, so the motherland resolved to subdue her naughty children."

"I guess you have confused it with the war in Africa," said the American. "The Boer war has been so long drawn out you thought it was the same as the American Revolution."

The little English girl saw there was a misunderstanding somewhere.

"There was something about stamps in it," she suggested meekly, "that caused some of the trouble."

"Something about stamps cause a revolution?" demanded the Australian. "Do you mean a stampede or merely postage stamps? Did the rage for collecting exist in those days?"

But no one enlightened him on this, and he was left to assort history to suit himself.

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THANKSGIVING DAY, November 28, 1907.

A day for special feelings and expressions of thankfulness on the part of all who have sufficient reason to

Feel thankful!

What for?

For good health; for hope amid suffering;

For prosperity; for fortitude in adversity.

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Ample reasons for thankfulness.

Whether Omniscience is attracted by or takes account of human thankfulness, or not—and upon this score one man knows just as much as another—

The fact persists that the expression and interchange of sentiments of thankfulness among men, with respect entirely to human and mundane affairs, have an uplifting effect; And anything that uplifts is worth while.

However, in giving expression to thankfulness, for any reason, the actual importance of the ego should not be unduly magnified, nor underestimated with misgivings.

Look the world in the face, go straight, fear no man, respect all who deserve respect, and

Feel just as thankful as you can, every day in the year!

SAYS the Washington Star: "The Democrats whom Bryan does not want and those who do not want Bryan might make a fair-sized party if they would get together."

IN a message to the California Legislature, convened in special session, Governor Gillett attributes the financial stringency to extravagant living, wild speculation and frenzied finance in Wall street.

IN reference to the matter of financial stringency, of late in evidence throughout the country, W. J. Bryan, a political savior in the estimation of a considerable host of Democratic brethren, says: "I believe it is possible for the Government to give immediate relief by an act of Congress, providing for the guarantee by the Government of all deposits in national banks, the banks thus guaranteed to agree to reimburse the Government for any losses incurred and to make this reimbursement in proportion to their deposits." The editor is glad to say that Mr. Bryan's proposition contains much that recommends it.

THE snobbishness of wealth now and then receives a timely check. One Reginald Spaulding wrote to 200 Pittsburg women that he could arrange to have them presented at the Court of St. James, and gently intimated that he knew all the European noblemen whom pecuniary necessity impelled toward marriage with American heiresses. He received immediate replies from 200 women and one man. All the women replied more or less favorably, and one of them offered \$10,000 commission for getting her daughter a titled husband. The man, who evidently reads his wife's letters, wrote that if Spaulding did not cease filling the heads of the women members of his family with nonsense about being presented at court he would go down to Spaulding's hotel and supply substantial argument in support of his warning. Then the police arrested Spaulding as a suspicious character, and two hundred Pittsburg women are wondering when they will play the role of fools again.

NORTHERN Democrats, who have the courage of their convictions, should read and profit by the following from the Nashville (Tenn.) American: "The nomination of a Southern man by either of the great parties would be an event of far-reaching importance and significance. All the talk in which we have indulged since reconstruction times, that this nation is one, that there is no North,

no South, no East, no West, would materialize into a living truth. The nomination of a Southern man would be an inspiring and awakening event for the nation, and would mean more for the South, for its advancement commercially and politically, than any other single event which has taken place since the war. It would be a moral and intellectual tonic, it would broaden the views and give zest to the ambition of Southern men in all walks of life. Every true lover of the South will favor the movement, for no Southern man will say that there are not a dozen men in the South who rank with the ablest men anywhere in the country, and who are as well equipped for the great office of President." If the Southern Democrats will get together and agree upon a candidate such evidence of wisdom will doubtless bring the Northern Democrats into line.

AMONG the latest important bulletins sent out by the Geological Survey is one that calls attention to our wastefulness in deforestation. It shows that we allow more timber to be destroyed every year by preventable fires than is used in all the lumbering industries. It draws attention also to the fact that there is an enormous amount of coal left and lost in the mines because of reckless processes of mining. The size of our country and its enormous natural resources have led us to believe that many things were inexhaustible, which as a matter of fact are being utterly and ruthlessly wasted at a most extravagant and foolish rate. Our people have developed habits of prodigality which, in a country less lavishly favored by nature, would spell ultimate national bankruptcy.

THE editor of the Phoenixville Republican, alluding to the proposition contained in this department of the INDEPENDENT last week, with relation to a popular expression of choice in this Legislative district for candidates for U. S. Senator, says: "Editor Moser's plan would relieve the candidates for the Legislature of the embarrassing necessity of expressing themselves on this question, but isn't it just a little doubtful whether the bosses would agree to the plan?" Assuming that the term "bosses" in the foregoing excerpt is intended to apply to the leaders of both the Penrose and anti-Penrose wings of the Republican party, it follows that if the plan is not agreed to it will be because neither wing desires a free, untrammelled, and decisive expression of choice in this district as to whom the Republican nominee, if elected, shall support for United States Senator. The proposition submitted last week was made in fairness to all the Republicans of the Third Legislative district, and the editor doesn't care a picayune whether said proposition is adopted or not. If the Penrose and anti-Penrose Republicans will be content to take their chances as to whom the Representative nominated will, if elected, vote for, for Senator, the editor will have no reason to enter protest. Moreover, if there be not enough interest taken in the issue as to United States Senator by the rank and file Republicans themselves to demand a popular expression of choice within their own party they should be satisfied to abide by the uncoerced action of their Representative when he casts his ballot for United States Senator. And if the rank and file of the party are satisfied there will be no sufficient cause for the kickers of either wing to kick and raise a racket; for the majority is presumed to rule the roost. To stand up a candidate for the Legislature in this, or any other Legislative district, and demand that he shall say whom he will, or will not support for United States Senator, if he gets a chance to vote for anybody, will be equivalent to telling him: "You will be damned, if you do; you will be damned, if you don't." Let the Republican voters themselves, in this district, determine the issue and give the bosses big and little, on all sides, a rest. It will do them good; it will diminish the strenuousness of their lives, for a season at least.

WHAT do you think of this: In the Michigan Constitutional Convention, now sitting, it is proposed to make voting compulsory. Failure to vote, without reasonable excuse, is to be punished by both fine and imprisonment, while everybody who goes to the polls like a good citizen will have \$3 clipped off his taxes."

At a recent meeting of delegates to the National Grange held in Hartford, Conn., resolutions were adopted in favor of tariff revision. Tariff revision will become a fact when the farmers determine to elect Congressmen who will vote for a reduction of duties, and who will not vote to enrich the few at the expense of the many. The farmers have the power. The rub comes in persuading them to exercise it.

NATIONAL BANKS TO GET DEBT NOTES

Will be Used as Basis For Increasing Circulation.

SUGGESTED BY J. P. MORGAN

Washington, Nov. 25.—The events of the past week in the financial situation have centered around the offer by the government to receive bids for \$50,000,000 in 2 per cent. bonds for Panama canal construction and offers at par for \$100,000,000 in treasury certificates running one year at 3 per cent.

There was secrecy at the treasury department as to the progress of the flotation of the debt certificates and the manner in which they were to be allotted to national banks to the practical exclusion of individual investors. The only information was to the effect that the new certificates of debt have already made their appearance in the treasury as security for circulation. Additional national bank notes to the amount of \$2,000,000, based on the new certificates, were shipped to New York, and other large sums are in sight for shipment during the week. Among other engagements is one of \$1,200,000 that has been made by Vice President Wexler, of the Whitney Central National bank, of New Orleans, acting for several other New Orleans banks.

No one connected with the treasury could let in any light on the situation, as Secretary Cortelyou keeps in his own hands all details respecting the flotation of the debt certificates. He is personally making the allotments and exercising all his ingenuity to prevent the certificates from falling into the hands of private investors who cannot give him assurances that they will not call on the banks to furnish the cash with which they propose to pay for the certificates they seek to acquire.

There is reason to believe that the plan of shutting out the individual investors in the flotation of the certificates was suggested by J. P. Morgan and his associates in New York.

The mail bringing offers from national banks for the Panama bonds is very heavy. The envelopes will not be opened until the time for receiving bids closes on Saturday next, but the number of bids received and the declared purpose of some of the large New York and Chicago banks to subscribe, with the purpose of increasing their note circulation, leaves little doubt in the minds of bankers and treasury officials that the loan will be covered.

INDUSTRIES RESUMING

Activities in Eastern States Contravert Stories of General Depression.

New York, Nov. 26.—Recent resumption of industrial activity in the eastern states contraverts to some extent the stories of general depression that have gained circulation on account of the closing down, partially or completely, of many concerns. The financial stringency throughout the country had its natural reflection in partial suspension of operations in the chief Atlantic centers, but the fear of a complete industrial depression has not been realized. News was received in New York of the resumption on full time of some industries in the New England states and New York, and the hope is that, with the general relaxation in the money market, this resumption will be largely increased, and that the eastern manufacturing section soon will experience a return to normal conditions.

Troy reports the outlook good for a busy year in the knit goods industry in Cohoes, one of the largest centers of that work in the country. It is expected that the knitting factories in that city will be running full by January 1.

To Sign Checks By Machine.

New York, Nov. 26.—To lessen the labor involved in signing dividend checks for its 75,000 shareholders, the United States Steel Corporation has adopted a machine which each time a signature is written by a pen, multiplies it 19 times. The corporation will not be able for some time to announce officially the number of its stockholders, but it is said to be the largest in its history.

Baby Hidden In Clock.

Philadelphia, Nov. 26.—Everything was ready for the christening of William Krons's baby, but the child was missing. The Krons searched high and low, and then called in the police. After seven hours hunting the baby was found sleeping in the stand of an old-fashioned clock, where a joking guest had hidden it.

The President's Turkey.

Westerly, L. I., Nov. 26.—The Thanksgiving turkey which Horace Vose annually sends to the president of the United States, was shipped by Mr. Vose to President Roosevelt. This year's bird, however, was raised by Jeremiah H. Brown. It weighs 28 pounds, is of the bronze variety and has a mixture of wild blood.

Farmer Fatally Injured By Hog.

Stuebenville, O., Nov. 27.—John Norden, a farmer, aged 70 years, was attacked by a vicious boar and was badly torn by the hog's tusks that he will probably die. Harry Norden, his son, in an effort at rescue, became so excited that he emptied one barrel of a shotgun into his father's leg as the latter lay prostrate with the hog tearing his flesh.

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Gold Clocks for parlor, den and bed-room, of every design, \$1 to \$6.50. Also gold and silver jewel boxes 75c. to \$3.50.

Brass Goods. In this ware the offering includes mirrors of all styles and sizes, picture and photo frames, desk ornaments, ink wells, pen holders and smoking sets.

Ebony Toilet Sets. Also separate mirrors, combs and brushes. Same goods in white and bolo ware.

German and American Chinaware in very elaborate decorations. Tea sets, chocolate sets, &c.

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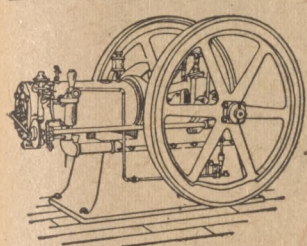
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THIRTEEN DEAD IN INCENDIARY FIRE

Two Families With Seven Children Perish in New York Blaze.

ALL FOUND IN ONE ROOM

New York, Nov. 26.—Thirteen persons, including seven children and three women, were burned to death in an incendiary fire in the four-story tenement at 2121 Second avenue.

The fire was started, the police say, by thieves, who hoped during the excitement to rob the tenants of the money which they had withdrawn from the savings banks and which they had hidden about the place.

The death of 13 persons practically wiped out two entire families, those of Pasquale Cardinale, who lived on the top floor, and of Rocco Barrecco, who lived on the third floor. Every member of the first named household was killed, while of the second only Rocco and his little son, Dominick, were saved.

During the excitement mothers threw their children from windows to spectators, who caught them in their arms. In this way several little ones were rescued.

A moment after the flames were discovered revolver shots were heard in the building. A few moments later fire was discovered in an unoccupied store across the street at 2112. Both of these facts lead to the conviction that a gang of thieves was at work.

Rocco Barrecco lived on the third floor front with his wife Catherine and his four children—Dominick, aged 9; Jennie, aged 7; Cosette, aged 4, and Marie, a baby of 14 months.

As Barrecco opened the door a great cloud of smoke filled the room. He could see the flames darting up the stairway. He awakened his wife and children and ran to the fire escape in the front of the house.

Snatching up young Dominick, who had been ill, Barrecco passed his boy to a policeman, who carried him to the street.

Barrecco then helped his wife and three other children up the fire escape to the fourth floor.

Firemen had arrived by this time. A ladder was run up and two firemen went up on it. Barrecco insisted that his family was in the flat and that he would not leave. The firemen picked him up and carried him down bodily.

When the house was entered by the firemen the floors were searched up to the top story. The firemen had seen one woman and several children fall back into the flames in one of the front rooms, and they knew that the room contained dead, but they were not prepared for the pile of bodies they came upon.

One woman lay above the body of her baby. When the flames bore her down she had fallen with the child under her and had died in an effort to save its life.

SHOT WIFE'S CALLER

Mortally Wounded By Husband, Who Wanted Woman to Commit Suicide. Williamsport, Pa., Nov. 27.—Ross Lepari, aged 37 years, is in the hospital in a dying condition from a pistol wound in the breast, while E. B. Shadle, who confesses to the shooting, is in jail.

Mrs. Shadle, the cause of the shooting, is also a prisoner. Shadle watched outside his home, saw Lepari go in, listened at the door, then ran in upon them. The shooting followed. Shadle says the man and woman were together in a compromising position. Mrs. Shadle declares that they were only chatting in a friendly way. After the first shot was fired, Lepari, bare-headed and coatless, fought Shadle for possession of the pistol, until both men landed on the sidewalk. The pistol was dropped in the scuffle, and Shadle then used a blackjack. Lepari's condition is so serious that he has not been able to make a statement. Mrs. Shadle says her husband first offered her the alternative of suicide, either by pistol or carbolic acid. A bottle of the acid was found upon Shadle.

MR. CLEVELAND IS BETTER

Recovers From Attack of Old Intestinal Trouble.

Princeton, N. J., Nov. 26.—It was declared at the residence of Grover Cleveland that the report of his illness was exaggerated, and that he was suffering only from an attack of indigestion, from which he had completely recovered.

Dr. Carnochan, Mr. Cleveland's physician, visited his patient and afterward stated that Mr. Cleveland was up and moving around the house, apparently showing no signs of the attack.

Women Attack Christmas Gifts.

Chicago, Nov. 27.—The Chicago Woman's club has begun a movement to abolish the giving of Christmas presents. Mrs. L. S. Blackwelder, president of the club, and Mrs. Ellen M. Hendrotin, chairman of the reform committee, lead the movement. "The whole system of giving Christmas presents is pernicious," declared Mrs. Blackwelder.

John Mitchell Leaves Hospital.

La Salle, Ill., Nov. 27.—John Mitchell, president of the United Mine Workers of America, left the hospital for the first time since he submitted to an operation for appendicitis six weeks ago. He took a drive for over an hour and on his return said he felt much benefited.

BROOKLYN BANKER COMMITS SUICIDE

Howard Maxwell Cut His Throat in His Home.

WAVE FORTUNE TO MAKE GOOD

New York, Nov. 27.—Howard Maxwell, deposed president of the Borough Bank of Brooklyn, who was under indictment for grand larceny and forgery, and was Monday released from jail on \$30,000 bail, committed suicide. He cut his throat and left wrist with a razor and penknife in the bathroom of his home in Brooklyn, and died at Long Island College hospital.

Maxwell, who was locked up last Thursday, had felt his humiliation keenly, and during his incarceration had appeared hopelessly despondent. He had, however, given his family no intimation, so far as known, that he contemplated making away with himself. His wife was prostrated by the tragedy, and is under the care of physicians.

When Maxwell was released he was driven to his residence at 182 Congress street, where he was greeted by his wife and 7-year-old niece, Dorothy Doolittle. Maxwell spent the forenoon quietly at his home. Later he announced his intention of taking a bath and going for a walk. Hannah Scott, a colored maid, heard a sound as of some one falling on the second floor. Hurrying upstairs, she discovered the banker lying on the bathroom floor, half dressed, with gaping wounds in his throat and left wrist. On a washstand nearby lay a white bone-handled razor, half open, and a penknife, with blades open at both ends, and both covered with blood. As she turned to summon help, the maid stepped upon a second razor, which lay half opened in the hallway leading to the bathroom.

The banker was bleeding so profusely that it was decided to remove him to the Long Island College hospital, where an operation for tracheotomy was performed. The windpipe was found to be nearly severed and his left wrist was cut almost to the bone. Maxwell died within a short time after the operation.

On November 21 he was jointly indicted for grand larceny with former Cashier Arthur Campbell and Director William Gow, of the Borough bank. There were other indictments against him, involving forgery in a quarterly bank statement made to the state banking department. When these three men were arraigned, Campbell and Gow secured bondsmen, but to the surprise of many who knew of Maxwell's popularity in financial circles and socially, none offered to go upon his bond. This desertion on the part of men to whom he had looked for his freedom, it is said, embittered and depressed Maxwell, and the despondency increased before his release was brought about.

During his arraignment Maxwell's counsel stated that his client had put up every dollar in the world that he possessed to secure the bank, and that he had absolutely stripped himself to protect the institution. Later, on the way to his cell, Maxwell is said to have borrowed \$3 with which to buy a meal or two from a nearby restaurant.

Maxwell had been regarded as one of the rising financiers of Brooklyn and was reputed to be worth \$200,000 when the crash in banking affairs came.

SLAIN IN CRANBERRY BOG

Body of Murdered Italian Found in Ditch, Riddled With Bullets.

Whitings, N. J., Nov. 26.—Riddled with bullets, the body of Giuseppe Mercurio was found lying in a trench in a cranberry bog in an isolated section of the country, near Hampton Park, several miles from here. A posse has been searching for Mercurio ever since October 29. The local authorities are convinced that the man was murdered.

Mercurio and another Italian were employed as cranberry pickers by the firm of Rider & Wilkinson, who control many acres of cranberry bogs in this section. On October 29 Mercurio and the other Italian went off on a gunning trip. It was generally known that Mercurio had \$200 in his possession.

When Mercurio did not return a searching party was organized. Almost daily since October 29 the cranberry bogs have been searched for the missing man. They found his body, lying in a trench half submerged in water. His body was perforated with bullet holes, and all the evidence indicates that he was murdered.

Tired of the Game of Life.

Harrisburg, Pa., Nov. 27.—Tired of the game of what he termed "A Miserable Life," Robert Daniel Willison, of Wilkes-Barre, drove two sticks into the ground along the Susquehanna river opposite Enola and deliberately walked through the goal to his death, leaving in his dinner bucket a small piece of bread and a note telling the story of his self-destruction and giving a description of himself. Search is being made for Willison's body.

Little Girl's Long Tramp.

Trenton, N. J., Nov. 25.—Sarah Hartman, 12 years old, of 2028 North Second street, Philadelphia, was found by Railroad Detective Frawley at Monmouth Junction, 20 miles from this city, and over 50 miles from her home. The little one had walked from her home to visit an aunt in Paterson. She was returned to her parents.

TRYING TO DEFEAT CANNON

Federation of Labor Sends Proclamation to Trades Unions. Washington, Nov. 27.—Copies of a proclamation addressed "To All Organized Labor," and designed to defeat the election of Joseph G. Cannon as speaker of the house of representatives in the 60th congress, has been sent to trades unions in every section of the country. The proclamation is signed by Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor.

The shortcomings of Speaker Cannon during the three congresses he has served in that position are set forth at length, and each instance where by his vote or ruling he has acted in a way that seemed inimical to the interests of labor are given in detail. Chief of these is cited his action in regard to the labor amendments to the Sherman anti-trust law, the employers' liability bill, the project of creating a department of labor with a secretary in the president's cabinet, the eight-hour labor bill, the abuse of injunctions measure, and the bill relating to alien labor on the Panama canal. Mr. Cannon is charged with having voted or ruled against the interests of organized labor in the consideration of each of these measures.

The proclamation appeals to organized labor to strive for the defeat of Mr. Cannon as speaker by requesting all central bodies and local unions to pass resolutions asking the representatives of their respective districts to vote against his re-election, and to appoint committees to wait upon these members and present the need of his defeat.

ARMED MEN ROB BANK

Locked Officers in Vault and Escaped With \$2200—\$1500 Recovered.

Bloomington, Ill., Nov. 26.—The State bank at Clinton was held up and robbed of \$2200 in coin by two men, who made their escape. It was just a few minutes after closing time when the men appeared in the bank, and with drawn revolvers forced President William Argo, Cashier Murphy and Bookkeeper John Young to enter the big vault, which they locked. The bulk of the money had already been placed in the currency safe in the vault and the time lock set, but \$2200 in gold and silver remained on the counter. This the robbers shoved into a bag and took with them to the Hotel Henlon, where they had previously engaged a room. They had arranged the money in rolls, so that it could be easily carried, and were just about to leave the hotel, when officers learned of their presence and attempted to break in the door.

Before they succeeded, however, the robbers jumped from a window onto an adjoining roof, taking only \$700 in gold and leaving \$1500 in silver in the room. It was dark when the men escaped from the hotel, and all trace of them was lost.

TURNED ON THE GAS

Frederick Lutz Attempted to Asphyxiate Three Children and Himself.

Philadelphia, Nov. 25.—Frederick Lutz, a loom-maker, attempted to asphyxiate his three children and commit suicide with illuminating gas at his home here. He turned on the gas in the room in which he was sleeping, together with his three children, Frederick, Jr., aged 10 years; Edna, aged 5, and Emily, aged 3 years, and inhaled the gas through a rubber tube to make sure of ending his own life. His wife, who occupied an adjoining room with a sick infant, heard one of the children moaning in Lutz's room. When she went to investigate the father and children were unconscious. Lutz was the most seriously affected by the gas. He recently suffered from nervous prostration and was convalescing when he developed symptoms of typhoid fever, in a delirium of which he sought to end his life and that of his children.

KILLED HER RIVAL

Wife Shoots Husband's Paramour in Her Home.

Baltimore, Nov. 26.—Maddened by the belief that her husband's affection had been stolen from her by Mrs. Salie Brown, Mrs. Annie E. Maith shot and instantly killed Mrs. Brown. Two bullets from a 32-calibre revolver entered the victim's forehead. The shooting occurred in Mrs. Brown's home and was done in the presence of the husband of Mrs. Maith, who, leaving a portion of his clothing, escaped by a rear exit and disappeared. Immediately after the shooting Mrs. Maith went to the nearest police station and gave herself up.

Schooner Capsized; Two Drowned.

Milford, Del., Nov. 26.—The schooner Grace Collins, laden with brush to be used on the government jetty at the mouth of Mispillion creek, was capsized just outside the mouth of the stream in the storm of Sunday night, and Captain George S. Holland, of Milford, and Robert Rolland, the mate of the vessel, were swept overboard and drowned. The boat was driven before the gale and the mast was blown out. The bank at Mispillion light house was broken in the storm and the jetty was also damaged.

Death of Missionary Announced.

Lancaster, Pa., Nov. 25.—A cablegram from Shanghai, China, announced the death there of Miss Beulah Funk, a missionary of the Christian and Missionary Alliance. She was the daughter of Rev. J. B. Funk, of this city, a United Brethren minister. The message said that Miss Funk had refused to take any medicine, she being a believer in the power of divine healing. She went to China less than two years ago. A brother, Clifford, is a missionary at the same place.

LOTTERY IN WHITE HOUSE

South Dakota Senators Draw Lots For Federal Patronage.

Washington, Nov. 26.—The White House was the scene of a lottery drawing in which the federal patronage of the state of South Dakota was distributed. The president of the United States turned the wheel of fortune, and Senators James Tredge and Gamble drew out the prize packages. There was a large number of vacant offices in the state due to the fact that the two senators have been unable to agree upon applicants, thus permitting the old office holders to retain their positions long beyond the time to which they were appointed.

The senators met in the president's office by appointment to agree, if possible, upon a distribution, but when they confronted the president they found themselves just as far apart as they have been in his absence.

The president saw the difficulty, and proposed that they draw lots. The senators agreed, and the position of bank examiner being the place in immediate dispute, the president tossed up a coin, saying that heads meant that Kitteredge should win and tails that Senator Gamble should name the man. The piece of money fell heads up, and the nomination was thus awarded to Mr. Kitteredge. Both appearing satisfied with this method of disposing of the problem, the president suggested that all vacancies be filled after the same manner, and accordingly the names of the various offices were written upon slips of paper and the drawings proceeded.

THREE KILLED IN CRASH

Trainmen Crushed to Death in Rear-End Collision.

Philadelphia, Nov. 27.—Three trainmen were killed and a boy who was stealing a ride was perhaps fatally injured in a rear-end collision between freight trains on the Richmond branch of the Philadelphia & Reading railroad here.

The dead, all of whom lived in Allentown, are: Abel H. H. Ebert, a brakeman; Elmer Shaler, flagman; C. W. Loudenslager, fireman.

Injured: William Bryant, aged 16 years, of Philadelphia.

The dead men were in the caboose of a train from Allentown, which was standing on a curve when a train laden with lumber came down upon it. The men on the Allentown train, it is said, had taken no precautions to send a flagman back to prevent a collision, and Engineer Frank Chandler, of the lumber train, did not see the other until he reached the turn on which it was standing. He applied the brakes and jumped for his life, and the train crashed into the caboose of the stationary train. A heavily laden lumber car was being shunted ahead of the moving train, and this car jammed the caboose in which the victims of the collision were. They had no chance for their lives. Ebert was killed instantly and the other trainmen were so crushed that they died shortly after being admitted to the hospital. Young Bryant was stealing a ride on the lumber car in front of the moving train. He jumped to save himself, but was caught in the crash and crushed.

WORKMAN'S HORRIBLE FATE

In Boiler When Steam Was Turned On—Crawled Through Fire Box.

Philadelphia, Nov. 25.—Extreme carelessness on the part of an unknown person resulted in Charles Franklin, of 2911 Kingston street, being roasted to such an extent that he will probably die. He is in intense agony in St. Mary's hospital, and the physicians have no hope of saving his life. His wife, who gave birth to a child a week ago, is prostrated, and it is feared the shock will have a serious effect on her.

Franklin is a boiler-maker and was making repairs to the boiler at the United Gas Improvement company's plant, Front and Tiooga streets. To complete his work, he had to crawl into the boiler, and while he was in there some person turned on the steam. Franklin's only salvation was to crawl out backwards through the fire box, which he did. He was nearly unconscious and would probably never have gotten his head out had not other workmen seen his legs protruding and pulled him out.

Hunter Killed By Companion's Gun.

Bridgeton, N. J., Nov. 27.—After spending the day ducking, James Wilson, Fred Steward and Robert Pierce were returning to their home here, and when Wilson and Steward were walking side by side the gun carried by Steward exploded. The full charge of shot entered the right eye of Wilson, killing him instantly. Coroner Johnson Hitchner decided that the shooting would be investigated, and empaneled a jury which viewed the body.

Poisoned By Cow Bitten By Snake.

Binghamton, N. Y., Nov. 25.—A Collins is at the city hospital suffering from the bite of a cow. The wound has the effect of a rattlesnake bite. His arm is swollen, but the poison is yielding to the treatment. It is believed that at some time the cow was bitten by a snake and the poison remaining in the system was transmitted to the man.

Died Trying to Save Wife.

Newark, N. J., Nov. 26.—George Lockwood, captain of a canal boat, was drowned in the Passaic river while trying to rescue his wife, who had fallen overboard. Lockwood succeeded in keeping his wife afloat and had tied a rope around her, when his strength gave out and he sank. Mrs. Lockwood was rescued.

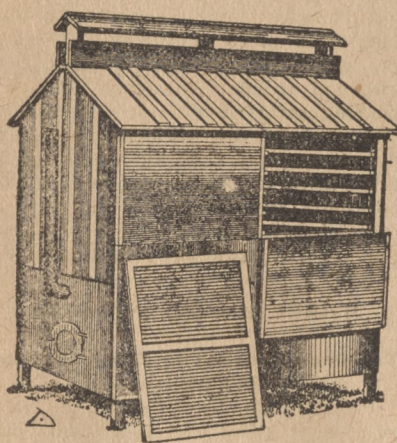
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The figure shows an evaporator of this type which is constructed entirely



PORTABLE EVAPORATOR.

of wood, except the parts in direct contact with the heater. There is space for ten trays for holding fruit, the dimensions of which are 2 1/2 by 3 feet. Each tray holds about one-half bushel of fruit. Modifications of such an equipment to suit individual needs and conveniences readily suggest themselves.

There are several other styles of this type obtainable from manufacturers which are made of sheet iron, usually galvanized. As no wood enters into their construction danger from fire is eliminated. One of these styles is provided with a heat deflector and so constructed that hot currents of air pass over the fruit as well as up through it, the claim being made that this movement of air induces a more rapid drying of the fruit than in ordinary methods of construction.—H. P. Gould.

Denatured Alcohol.

The manufacture of denatured alcohol is engrossing the attention of farmers everywhere in the United States. However, the development of the industry since the favorable legislation by congress last year has been hindered by the apparent inability of farmers to immediately put the business on an economical and practical basis, says New England Homestead. It will naturally take some little time to work out this problem. A brief reference to conditions in France, where the industry is a practical success, will prove instructive.

It is claimed on the continent that alcohol can be made more profitably from sugar beets than from potatoes. At least this has proved so in France. Farmers there, however, say that the distillation of beets ceases to be profitable when the price of alcohol falls below 25 cents per gallon. In Germany great quantities of potatoes are distilled, largely by the small farmer, yet in many instances these are favored by a premium or bounty of special character which helps make production profitable. In France the farmer aims to do his distilling after crops are harvested, when he has some slack time on his hands.

Low Grade Angoras.

The main profit in the low grade Angora goat is the amount of land that it will clear. If intelligently handled the result in this respect is not only satisfactory but profitable. Do not expect them, however, to destroy all the brush in one year.

A Good Crossing Place.

On many farms are stone walls that have to be frequently crossed, but which, because of cattle, must not have an uncovered gap through them. A modification of the old fashioned stile would make a very neat crossing place. The accompanying figure shows the device itself, which should, of course, be alike on either side of the wall. The construction is plainly shown by the cut. Such a stile might easily be constructed in half a day or less.—Farm Journal.



A NEAT STILE.

Guard the Ventilation.

It is necessary to guard the ventilation of a sweet potato storage room and permit only dry air to enter, as moist air will deposit its moisture on the cool potatoes, and this will produce the best condition for the potatoes to begin rotting.

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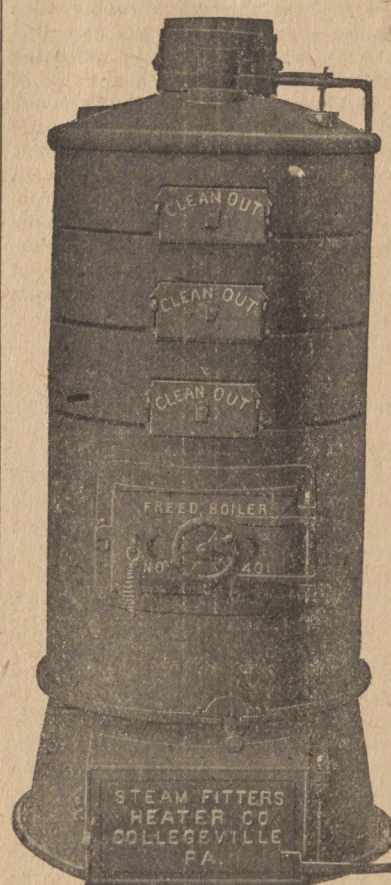
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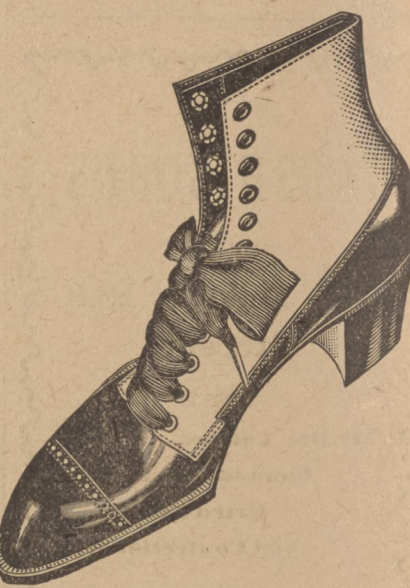
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